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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Specifically, the references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited during the prosecution of a related French patent application. A copy of the French Preliminary Search Report and the references cited therein are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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This Information Disclosure Statement should be considered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as it is filed prior to the date of the first Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and make the documents of record in the subject application.

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